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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 13.8% IN FIRST HALF OF 1987

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 16 — Airline passenger traffic rose 13.8 percent in the first six months of 1987, and was up 11.6 percent in June, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in the first six months increased 12.1 percent, compared to the same period last year. Available seat miles were up 9.1 percent. The passenger load factor was 62.4 percent, up from 60.8 percent in the same period a year earlier.

International traffic for the first half of 1987 was up 22.1 percent, and available seat miles were up 8.2 percent. Passenger load factor rose to 62.6 percent from 55.4 percent last year.

In domestic service, traffic grew 7.1 percent in June over the same month last year. Available seat miles rose 4.3 percent. The load factor was 67.6 percent, up from 62.9 percent in June a year ago.

In international service, traffic in June jumped 31.4 percent. Available seat miles rose 12.2 percent. The passenger load factor climbed to 68.8 percent from 58.8 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JUNE 1987 - 1986

		JUNE			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	27,574,592	42,699,475	64.6	156,839,478	251,235,166	62.4
	86	25,746,186	40,947,030	62.9	139,920,429	230,275,453	60.8
PERCENT CHANGE		7.1	4.3		12.1	9.1	
INTERNATIONAL	87	7,659,869	11,125,701	68.8	34,439,033	55,031,038	62.6
	86	5,831,581	9,917,308	58.8	28,195,919	50,874,458	55.4
PERCENT CHANGE		31.4	12.2		22.1	8.2	
TOTAL	87	35,234,461	53,825,176	65.5	191,278,511	306,266,204	62.5
	86	31,577,767	50,864,338	62.1	168,116,348	281,149,911	59.8
PERCENT CHANGE		11.6	5.8		13.8	8.9	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.